Japanese Encephalitis

3133. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Japanese Encephalitis has taken a heavy toll in several States :

(b) whether Government have any plans to take up inoculation of anti-encephalitis vaccine in endemic areas and other selected areas to prevent breaking out of epidemics; and

(c) what other measures Government proposes to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) During 1988, 5920 cases and 2009 deaths due to Japanese Encephalitis have been reported from the States of Asssam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Goa, Karnataka, Manipur, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(b) Field trials with indigenously produced Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine are being undertaken in Japanese Encephalitis prone areas of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Maharasthra. The field trials will be extended to other areas depending on the availability of the vaccine.

(c) An Action Plan for control of Japanese Encephalitis has been prepared on 50:50 cost sharing basis between Centre and State Governments concerned which envisages the following:—

—Regular residual insecticidal spraying with BHC 50% wdp.

—Malathion fogging/Focal PHC spraying.

—Early diagnosis and prompt treatment of Japanese Encephalitis cases.

—Sero epidemiological surveillance of human population, animal reservoir & vector.

—Health Education.

—Vaccine trials.

—Training & Research.

Recurrence of Malaria in the Country

3134. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a recurrence of Malaria and other Mosquito borne diseases in the country in a big way;

(b) if so, what is the incidence of these diseases during the year 1988; and

(c) whether Government porpose to take up large scale spraying operations to control the above menace?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) There is no recurrence of malaria and other mosquito borne diseases in the country in a big way.

(b) During 1988, (Provisional) 14,72,059 persons were affected due to malaria and 5,920 persons due to Japanese Encephalitis in the country.

(c) Since 1977, under Modified Plan of Operation for National Malaria Eradication Programme the areas which are endemic for malaria are being regularly sprayed with the appropriate insecticide.